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Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sirs:

Reference: Golden Hope Mines Limited – File No. 82-4991

Please find attached copy of our news release of even date, as required pursuant to Rule 12g3(b) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. This release has been disseminated via Canada StockWatch and Market News.

Yours very truly,

GOLDEN HOPE MINES LIMITED

Debra Chapman Assistant Secretary

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EXPLORATION DRILLING IN PROGRESS

Diamond drilling has commenced on the Bellechasse Property of Golden Hope Mines Limited in the Eastern Townships, south of Quebec City, Quebec. The initial drill holes will explore untested anomalous conditions indicative of possible underlying gold occurrences peripheral to the established Bellechasse Deposit.

The Bellechasse Deposit is a partially defined concentration of gold mineralization exposed by stripping over an area approximately 600 feet by 600 feet. Further definition work on the deposit consisting of bulk sampling and large core drilling is scheduled for the summer of 2003.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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